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Sir:

Applicants request that a Certificate of Correction be issued to correct an error that appears in the above-referenced patent due to a mistake made on the part of the Office, namely, the text in claim 5. The word "tab" in claim 5 is to be deleted as amended in the Amendment After Allowance Under Rule 312 filed on June 6, 2005 and entered by the Examiner in the Response to Rule 312 Amendment mailed on June 22, 2005. Applicant requests that a Certificate of Correction be issued to show claim 5 as amended.

However, in the event that it should be determined that the error is not the fault of the Office, the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account 18-2058 any fees associated with the issuance of the Certificate of Correction.

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

The word "tab" in Claim 5 (column 26, line 2) is to be deleted and claim 5 should read as follows:

5. An image forming apparatus capable of feeding tab sheets of a predetermined tab sheet bundle or other sheets than the tab sheets, comprising:
a first sheet feed device that feeds each of the tab sheets of the predetermined tab sheet bundle or the other sheets to an image transfer position via a first conveying path with the [[tab]] sheet being inverted;
a second sheet feed device that feeds each of the tab sheets of the predetermined tab sheet bundle or the other sheets to the image transfer position via a second conveying path without each sheet being inverted;
a first sheet discharge device that discharges each of the tab sheets of the predetermined tab sheet bundle or the other sheets in a face-up state;
a second sheet discharge device that discharges each of the tab sheets of the predetermined tab sheet bundle or the other sheets in a face-down state;
a designating device that designates a type of sequence of tabs of each of tab sheet bundles set in said first sheet feed device and said second sheet feed device; and
a determining device responsive to a user's instruction for feeding tab sheets and selection of one of said first sheet feed device and said second sheet feed device, for determining which of said first sheet discharge device and said second sheet discharge device is allowed to be selected by a user, according to the selected one of said first sheet feed device and said second sheet feed device and the type of sequence of tabs of the tab sheet bundle set in the selected one of said first sheet feed device and said second sheet feed device.

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